

Long Beach Bureau of Animal Control

Mission Statement

The Bureau of Animal Control enforces all federal, state and local laws pertaining to the ownership and treatment of animals within the City of Long Beach and contract cities. As one of seven bureaus within the Department of Health and Human Services, Long Beach Animal Control is charged with protecting the public from rabies and other animal related diseases that may infect humans.



Companion Animal Village

In August 2001, Long Beach Animal Control entered into a partnership agreement with the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (spcaLA). The partnership - the first ever collaboration between a public and private agency in the animal welfare industry - enables the agencies to jointly deliver innovative and revolutionary animal



Canine cottages

care and control to the creatures that enter the Village. Constructed on 6.4 acres of land provided by the City of Long Beach, the spcaLA raised private donations to construct a \$6.0 million state-of-the-art animal care facility. Since its grand opening, thousands of visitors from all over the country have come to tour the Village and experience the next generation of animal care and control.



Cattery housing a cat colony

Our Services

Long Beach Animal Control Bureau is a full-service agency whose staff is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Bureau offers the following services to the residents and animals of Long Beach and contract cities of Cerritos, Los Alamitos and Signal Hill:

- Dog licensing (also available online)
- Rabies control and low cost rabies clinics
- Enforcement of leash and nuisance laws
- Quarantine of animals involved in bites to humans
- Investigation and prosecution of animal cruelty
- Sheltering and care of stray and unwanted animals
- Veterinary medical care of impounded animals
- Emergency treatment of injured stray animals
- Humane euthanasia of unwanted and seriously injured animals
- Protection of public health against contagious, infectious or communicable animal diseases
- Public education and information programs
- **Animal adoptions are available through the spcaLA, located in the Village, during regular business hours only**

For animal control services during regular business hours, please call (562) 570-7387. After-hours calls are automatically forwarded to police dispatch.

The Role of Animal Control

Public Health

Rabies is a virus that can infect all warm-blooded animals, including man. It is spread by saliva from infected animals, usually by a bite or scratch. Rabies is 100% fatal once the symptoms appear. The most effective means to assure the control of rabies is to have every dog vaccinated and licensed.

Protection of Property

Animals allowed to roam at large may create a public nuisance by destroying property and causing injury to themselves and others. These actions may result in a civil action or lawsuit against the animal owner.

Healthy Pets

Responsible pet ownership requires the licensing, vaccination and restraint of your pet. Having your pet spayed or neutered guarantees you have done your part to help resolve the pet overpopulation problems in our community.

Animal Abuse Investigations

Animal Control is responsible for investigating charges of animal abuse. Animal Control prepares and presents animal abuse cases to the City Prosecutor's Office for possible prosecution.

Wild Life Protection

Wild or exotic animals generally do not make good pets. These animals can pose a danger if they are not properly housed. Animal Control has the authority to enforce local and state regulations governing wild and exotic pets.



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at the spcaLA P.D. Pitchford Companion Animal Village



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Facility Hours of Operation

Wednesday- Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Saturday - Sunday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Closed Mondays, Tuesdays and Holidays



(562) 570-PETS
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